

AAUW Board Meeting – September 10, 2012

The following Board, Administrative and Appointed Members attended:

Holly Sauer – President	Karen Large – Co-President Elect	Lynn Dodge – Programs Co-Vice President
Tena Gallagher – Membership Co-Vice President	Elizabeth Williams – Membership Co-Vice President	Roseann Krane – AAUW Funds Vice-President, eMail Manager
Callie Gilbert – Secretary	Jennifer Krommenhoek – Co-Advertising Manager	Angela Domer – Hospitality Co-Chair
Asha Bajaj – Public Policy Co-Chair	Joan Conley – Public Policy Co-Chair	Mary Ellen Blake – Holiday Home Tour Co-Chair
Bev Nidick – Parliamentarian	Kathy McKnight – Garden Tour Co-Chair	Caroline Sanchez – Women’s History Chair
Mary Granzotto – Publicity Chair	Lynn Goodwin – Local Scholarship Chair	

Call to Order and Announcements: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Holly Sauer at the Shadow Hills Cabana, 1001 El Capitan Drive, Danville. Holly announced that Roseann Krane and Carla Pancheco are our IBC branch liaisons for AAUW-CA and will be a resource for state support questions. The state directory is available online with a calendar of events so we are encouraged to download our own copy. Mini-grants are not continuing this year and there is no state convention but April 20, 2013 will be the annual state meeting. In her Pres Sez e-mail, Alicia Hetman announced that she will be speaking at our branch next weekend. If anyone is interested in running for any of the AAUW-CA 2013-2015 board positions, details are online. Also, updated AAUW-CA P&Ps are now posted online. The AAUW-CA Funds Fellows & Grant Recipients Luncheon will be in Napa 10/21. Sign up if you are interested in attending. Holly is arranged carpooling. Holly passed around a flyer for Bay Area events organized by Women in Business.

In order to make the board meeting run quickly and smoothly, Holly asked us to be aware of time, not to add to the agenda (they can be added for next month or handled in e-mails after the meeting) and to make sure that we are answering questions that are being asked. Also, Holly asked that we use a hand vote in order to get the count right, only vote if there is a ‘V’ on our name plate and in cases of co-chairs there is only one vote.

Approval of Minutes: There were no further corrections to the August 6, 2012 Board Meeting minutes. The minutes were accepted as e-mailed. It was noted that a quorum was present.

Treasurer’s Report: Holly Sauer reported on behalf of Melissa who was unable to attend. We have \$14,014.22 in checking with \$84.10 in uncleared checks, leaving a balance of \$13,930.12. Checks and vouchers can go to Melissa and can be scanned, dropped off or we can phone her.

The Fall audit for the fiscal year of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 has been completed by the audit committee consisting of Joyce Tenney, Judy Lauper and Pat Gross and will be ready for review at the October Board meeting. The audit focused on branch financial transactions for programs, membership, administrative activities and the HHT. Roseann will work with Joyce to add AAUW Funds to the audit.

Local Scholarship: Lynn Goodwin proposed that the minimum local scholarship award be changed from \$2,000. to \$1,000, which would enable the committee to award more scholarships and therefore empower more women. Caroline Sanchez and Callie Gilbert supported the proposal and shared personal stories of how it's not just the actual dollar amount that's important in the scholarship award but it's the honor of being chosen for the award as well. Roseann emphasized that the only thing that would change is the minimum amount of the award. Lynn Goodwin moved that the local scholarship minimum award be changed from \$2,000 to \$1,000. Asha Bajaj seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Request for School Bond Endorsement: Marianne Gagen was introduced and spoke in favor of Measure D, which is a bond issue benefitting the San Ramon Valley School District. She passed around flyers supporting Measure D and requested our branch endorsement. She explained why passage of this bond would not increase taxes and that the bond money can only be used for capital improvements. Karen Large asked if the branch is able to endorse a bond measure. Holly stated that there is nothing in the P&Ps but we can use the same process as we use to endorse non-partisan candidates. If the board votes yes, it doesn't mean that the board endorses the bond measure but that we approve proceeding to the membership for a vote. If the board votes no, it would mean that we don't have time to have our members vote before the ballot measure or that we don't want to endorse it.

There was discussion about the timing factor, if voting is done in person and the logistics of getting the pros and cons information to the general membership. Marianne expressed concern that the processes that were being discussed were convoluted and that the longer we wait to decide endorsement, the less impact the endorsement will have. Holly stated that she didn't want the membership to feel rushed. Marianne suggested e-mailing members with information she can provide on the pros and cons. Holly indicated that we need to give members at least 2 weeks to examine both sides.

Tena suggested that we do an electronic vote, which would allow the vote to take place in a more timely manner. Asha will contact Sue Miller for a confirmation that this endorsement fits within AAUW's mission. Marianne will contact the AAUW San Ramon Branch separately. Roseann and Asha will put together an e-mail blast with pros and cons information provided by Marianne. The Parliamentarian will tabulate votes with 28 votes being a quorum. 2/3 of those who vote must vote yes for our branch to endorse Measure D in order for it to pass. The board voted to follow this process. It was suggested that the P&Ps should be reviewed in 2013-14 and the Bylaws reviewed to cover future endorsement processes.

The San Ramon Valley PTA Council has asked us to sponsor a school board candidate forum on October 8 with questions for the candidates being provided by our members. Discussion ensued as to how and if to proceed with this request. It was decided to continue this discussion by e-mail.

Holiday Home Tour: Mary Ellen Blake reported that 3 homes are confirmed. All key support positions are filled except for House Interior Write-ups. The kick-off meeting will be the week of Sept 17th. Angela Domer stated that a location is needed for the HHT party.

Public Policy: Joan Conley reminded us of the League of Women Voters ballot initiative discussion at the Shadow Hills Cabana on October 11, 2012 from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Membership: Tena Gallagher reported that 108 tickets have been sold for the brunch and 3 Tech Trekkers are coming. Liz Williams will call and see if she can get more of the Trekkers to attend. There are 254 members to date. Asha Bajaj reminded everyone to bring books to the brunch.

Advertising: Jennifer Krommenhoek reported that we have \$1,025 in advertising revenue. The deadline for directory advertising is the end of the month. It costs \$160 to advertise in the Advocate and the Directory and \$135 to advertise in the Advocate only. The ad rates are lowered because the September newsletter has already been published and is therefore not included in the ad costs. Regular full year costs are \$175 for directory and newsletter and \$150 for newsletter only.

AAUW Funds: Roseann indicated that reports have been sent to the auditors. She is looking for volunteers to test a PayPal swipe card device that goes on an iPhone, in order to determine if it is worthwhile for the branch to get the device. Angela stated that she was unable to pay for a guest brunch ticket with PayPal because there was no option of inputting a guest's name.

2012-2013 Board Goals: Holly stated that we'll do this by e-mail.

New Business: Holly reminded us that she needs help organizing the PTA panel discussion.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Callie Gilbert
Secretary